**Accommodation to PT&T Employees**

6390. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not provided accommodation to all the employees of Department of Posts and Communication;

(b) the strength of employees of both the Departments separately, State-wise;

(c) the number of employees who have been provided accommodation so far, District-wise, category-wise;

(d) the details of the construction of accommodation during 1996-97, State-wise;

(e) whether the Officers responsible for the Housing construction are not taking interest;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA):

*Department of Post*

(a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*Department of Telecom*

(a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*[Translation]*

**IA Service Between Ranchi to Delhi**

6391. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced Indian airlines service daily between Ranchi to Delhi and Ranchi to Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines, at present, is operating a daily service on Delhi-Patna-Ranchi and return route and thrice a week service on Mumbai-Patna-Ranchi-Calcutta and return route. Due to aircraft capacity constraints and inadequate traffic demand, Indian Airlines has no plans to increase services between Ranchi and Mumbai at present.

**SPO/STD Facility in Hilly Regions**

6392. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to open new sub post office and to provide STD facility therein in hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh during 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action being taken by the Government on the pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Post Offices are opened under Annual Plans subject to norm based justification and availability of resources. In hilly regions, relaxed norms relating to income and population are applied while examining the justification of opening of post offices. STD facility is provided on demand/requisition.

(b) During the Annual Plan, 1997-98, it is proposed to open 70 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 6 Departmental Sub Post Offices in the State of Uttar Pradesh which includes the Post Offices to be opened in Hilly Regions.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

**Construction of Overbridge at Gaushala Crossing in Ghaziabad**

6393. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had sanctioned an overbridge at Gaushala level crossing in Ghaziabad;

(b) if so, the reason for delay in starting the construction work uptill now; and

(c) the time by which the construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Instead a Road Under Bridge has been approved in Budget of 1997-98.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Detailed Estimate and Plans are finalised and work will be taken up after necessary formalities have been completed by State Govt.

**Production in Bokaro Steel Plant**

6394. SHRI SIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant has been affected due to the wrong policies of the management during the 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to keep the production capacity of the plant at par with its total capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Facilities at Airports**

6395. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rail India Technical and Economic Services Limited (RITES) was requested by the Karnataka State Industrial Investment Development Corporation to study the existing facilities available in Airports in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether RITES had taken up the study of the existing facilities available in Bellary Airport;

(c) if so, whether RITES had submitted its report;

(d) the amount paid by Karnataka State Industrial Investment Development Corporation for such study;

(e) the estimated expenditure involved and the additional facilities required in the Bellary Airport; and

(f) whether a copy of the above report be placed on the table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The fee payable to RITES for the study for Bellary Airport is Rs. 1.75 lakhs.

(e) The estimated expenditure for upgradation of the airport for operation of Dornier class aircraft (20 seater) is Rs. 235.60 lakhs involving the following:

(i) Runway, taxiay and apron improvements.

(ii) New ATC Tower, fire station, office building, some communication and meteorological aids and ancillary works.

(f) No copy of the report was placed on the Table of the House.

**Construction of Rail Gates/Overbridges in Madhya Pradesh**

6396. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for construction of rail gates/overbridges at busy railway crossings in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of rail gates/overbridges proposed to be constructed in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details of Rail gates and Over bridges are as under:-

**I. Rail Gates:**

(i) Level crossing gate at km 858/11-12 between Bhilai Power Station and Bhilai Nagar.

(ii) Manned level crossing gate at km 725.33 between Dharamkundi and Khutwansa Railway Stations on Itarsi-Khandwa Section on 'deposit' terms.

**II. Over Bridges:**

(i) Road Over Bridge at Dewas in lieu of level crossing No. 29 on Ujjain-Indore Section.

(ii) Flyover at Maksi at km 94/10-11 on National Highway No. 3 in lieu of level crossing No. 51.

(iii) Road Over Bridge at Chuchipara at km 717/18-20.

(iv) Road Over Bridge at Itarsi in lieu of level crossing No. 1-B at km 745/14-15 and level crossing No 255-B at km 740/1-2.

(v) Road Over Bridge at Hoshangabad in lieu of level crossing No. 232-A at km 762/11-12.

(vi) Road Over Bridge at Khandwa in lieu of level crossing at km. 567/4-5.

(vii) Road Over Bridge at Damoh in lieu of level crossing No. 59-A at km 1126/1.

(viii) Road Under Bridge at Satna-Kotwali in lieu of level crossing No. 386-A at km 1178/5-6.

(ix) Road Over Bridge at Birla Nagar in lieu of level crossing No. 425 at km. 1227/13-14.

(x) Road Over Bridge at Betul in lieu of level crossing No. 256 at km 850/7-8.

(xi) Road Over Bridge at Saugar in lieu of level crossing No. 23-A at km 1048/3-4.

(xii) Road Over Bridge at Ratlam in lieu of level crossing No. 192.

(xiii) Road Over Bridge at Indore in lieu of level crossing No. 146.

(xiv) Road Over Bridge at Nagda in lieu of level crossing No. 1.

(xv) Road Over Bridge at Nimbola in lieu of level crossing No. 175 at km 505/12-13.

**Development of Railways in Punjab**

6397. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of allocated and spent for the infrastructual development of railways in Punjab during the last three years vis-a-vis other States;

(b) the details of the jobs executed thereunder; and